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ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

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**TO:** Holders of AHCCCS Medical Policy Manuals

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**SUBJECT:** AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)  
Update, November 2008

There are multiple changes for the month of November.

#### **Chapter 400, Policy 420, Family Planning**

Historically, AHCCCS has precluded hysteroscopic tubal sterilization from the AHCCCS program. Effective 7/1/2008, AHCCCS will cover this procedure subject to applicable prior authorization requirements.

Note, hysteroscopic tubal sterilization is not immediately effective upon insertion of the sterilization device. Therefore, members must continue to utilize another form of birth control minimally for the first three months.

The clarification that was added to this policy is included below.

**Hysteroscopic tubal sterilization is not immediately effective upon insertion of the sterilization device. It is expected that the procedure will be an effective sterilization procedure three months following insertion. Therefore, during the first three months the member must continue using another form of birth control.**

**At the end of the three months, it is expected that a hysterosalpingogram will be obtained confirming that the member is sterile. After the confirmatory test the member is considered sterile. Contractors should not report sterilization of SOBRA members who received a hysteroscopic tubal sterilization until minimally 3 months post procedure and receipt of confirmatory hysterosalpingogram.**

#### **Chapter 600, Policy 610, Exhibit 610-1 – AHCCCS Provider Types**

A technical correction was made to the Exhibit related to DSC Speech Therapist, Provider type 26, effective 4/10/2008. This modification corresponds to modifications previously published in Chapter 700 of the AMPM and communicated to DSC Speech Therapists.

## **Chapter 1300**

The modification to Chapter 1300 is a technical correction. Links to the SDAC Member Manual have been added where applicable.

## **Chapter 1600**

The format of Chapter 1600 has been revised to correspond to the format previously adopted for the AMPM. This is a technical correction and not a change in policy.

## **Appendix G**

Exhibits A-J have been updated to reflect changes in acute care contractors and current contact information. These are technical corrections and not changes in policy.

## **TO UPDATE YOUR AMPM:**

### **Chapter 400**

Replace Chapter Table of Contents with the revised TOC.

Replace pages 420-1 through 420-9 with the revised pages 420-1 through 420-9.

### **Chapter 600**

Replace Exhibit 610-1 with the revised Exhibit 610-1.

### **Chapter 1300**

Replace Chapter Table of Contents with the revised TOC.

Replace page 1300-3 with the revised page 1300-3.

Replace pages 1330-1 through 1330-2 with the revised pages 1330-1 through 1330-2.

### **Chapter 1600**

Replace entire Chapter with the revised Chapter 1600.

## **Appendix G**

Replace title page with the revised title page.

Replace pages 49 through 58 with the revised pages 49 through 58.

Replace Transmittal History (at end of Appendix G) with the revised Transmittal History.